

FY08 SOMERVILLE BUDGET HEARINGS

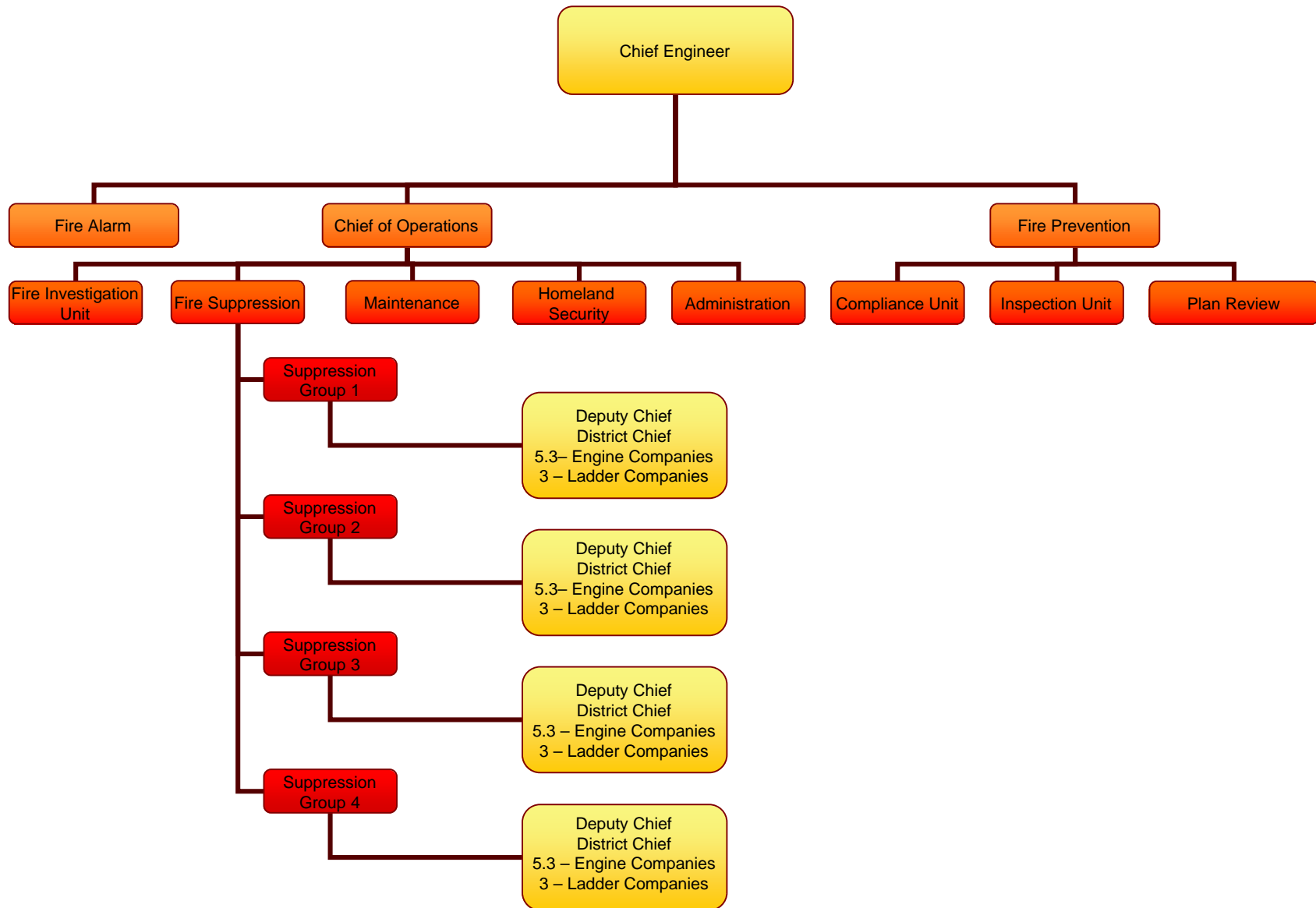


Fire Department

Chief Kevin Kelleher



2. FIRE – Organizational Chart



3. FIRE – FY07 Accomplishments & Initiatives

1. Responded to over 11,000 requests for assistance and successfully controlled several major fires, including a two-alarm fire at 688 Broadway on 10/13/06, and a six-alarm fire at 82 Broadway on 11/4/06. No fatal fires occurred during FY07. *(Pictures of 11/4/06 below)*



4. FIRE – FY07 Accomplishments & Initiatives

2. Increased the staffing level by three probationary Firefighters, who were hired and trained at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.
3. Through Fire Prevention, brought on line 25 additional properties that had previously ignored smoke detector regulations. Properties were also required to install carbon monoxide detectors. Active participation in the Neighborhood Impact Team (NIT) has eliminated many fire hazards throughout the community.

5. FIRE – FY07 Accomplishments & Initiatives

4. Enforced Chapter 304 of the Acts of 2004: conducted joint inspections of all establishments holding liquor licenses, 24 of which will either install sprinkler systems or to upgrade existing systems. Several public meetings were held to explain these new requirements to business owners.
5. Acted as the joint point of contact for the Boston Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and coordinated the cities' effort to obtain funding for the 10 identified city depts. (Police, Fire, DPW, Health, etc.). Company and Chief Officers were all trained to the ICS-200 level.
6. All five fire stations were wired by contractors through the IT Department for future electronic fire reporting by the companies.

6. FIRE – FY08 Goals

1. In FY08, we will continue to expand the capability of the CAD system:

- This will include such response information as inputting into the system the nearest hydrant location; the fieldwork to accomplish this is done.
- The necessary work to identify Fire Department sprinkler connections will be accomplished.
- A strategy will be developed to establish a database of community residents in need of assistance in the event of an emergency. This will be coordinated with other City agencies.

7. FIRE – FY08 Goals

2. In FY08, we will continue to enhance the preparedness levels of all firefighters to successfully respond to non-traditional WMD/CBRNE events:

- Establish an in-depth continuous training program focused on best practices, training all members in utilizing dosimeters, radiation detection instruments, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and use of our Mass Decontamination Unit (MDU).
- Development of operational guidelines and emergency response teams to support these efforts will positively affect our response capabilities.

8. FIRE – FY08 Goals

3. Public confidence in the Fire Department is critical to helping citizens feel “safe” in their homes from natural and man-made (terrorist) events. This will continue to be an annual goal of the Somerville Fire Department.

4. In FY08, we will work on the completion of electronic reporting by fire companies using the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), which began with the wiring of the fire stations.

9. FIRE – FY08 Goals (Fire Prevention)

5. In FY08, Fire Prevention will continue to identify properties that are not compliant with the smoke detector laws. These properties will be required to install smoke detectors as well as carbon monoxide detectors. The goal is to achieve 100 percent compliance in the community.

6. Fire Prevention will be actively involved in joint Chapter 304 inspections of liquor establishments with the Inspectional Services Division. Also, they will be closely monitoring the installation and modifications of sprinkler systems in these buildings.

7. Fire Prevention will continue to work with the City to address underground fuel storage tank issues on city properties and will work jointly to establish a maintenance program to avert any future leakage issues.

10. Increases/Decreases FY07 vs. FY08

Account	Purpose	Increase/Decrease	Amount
51110 - Salaries	Assistant Apparatus Mechanic	Increase	\$37,419
52620	Repairs to tools and equipment	Increase	15,000
55890	Bunker gear for new Firefighters	Increase	8,000
55000	Replacing Defibrillators	Increase	6,000

11. ACE Service Project

ACE Service Project: Accurate, Courteous, Easy Service from your City government.

“The mission of this project is to respond accurately and efficiently to constituent needs, while treating each customer with courtesy and respect, and constantly improving the ease of doing business with city government.” ~Mayor Joseph Curtatone, 2007 Midterm Address

The Fire Department strives to meet the ACE goals by:

- Assisting IT in implementing licensing software that may permit applications for fire-related permits online
- Sending a representative to monthly front-line staff ACE advisory meetings.